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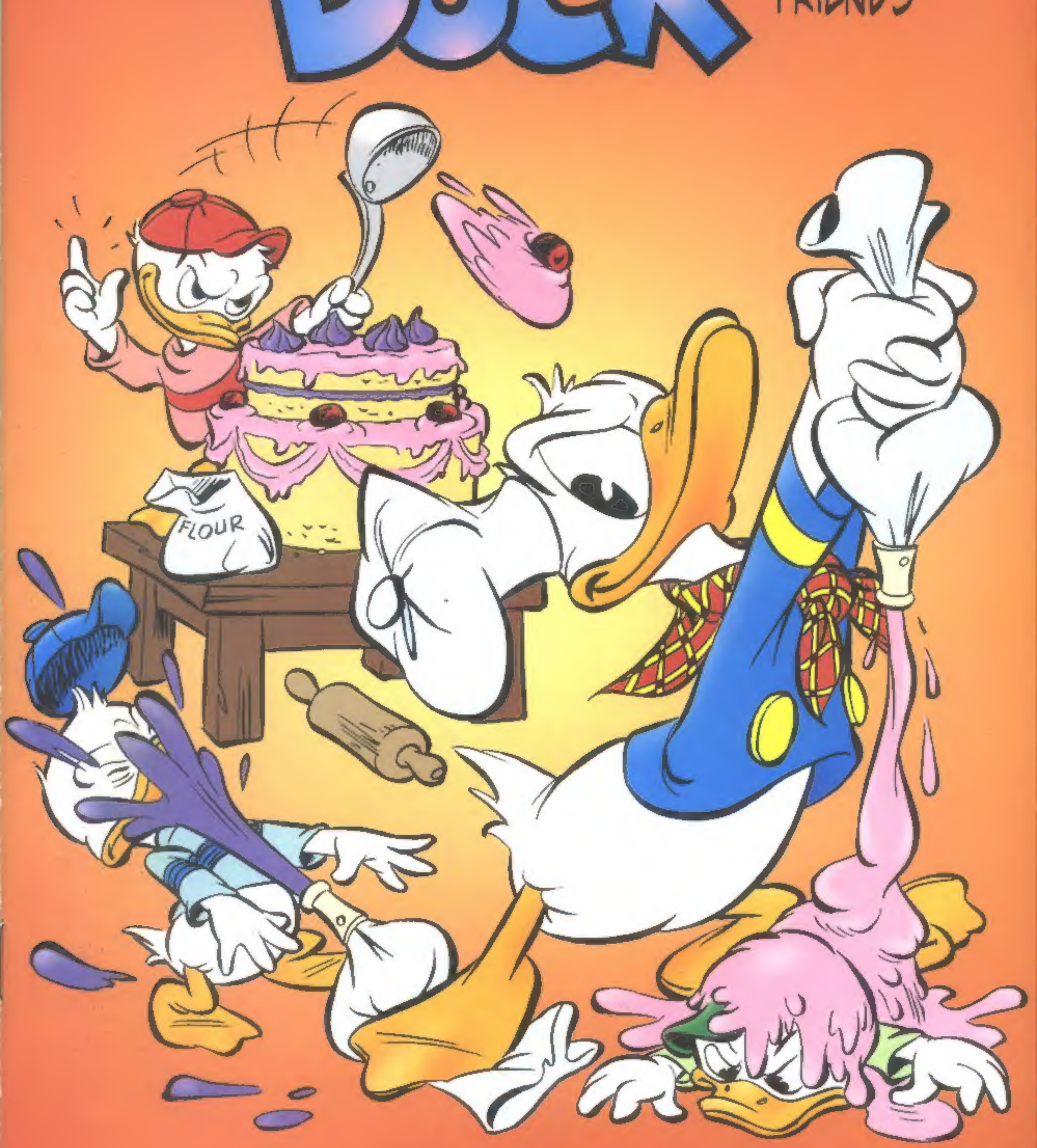

DONALD DUCK AND FRIENDS

Welcome to the June issue of *Donald Duck and Friends* (even though it ships in May). You'll note a nice birthday cover by Daan Jippes, along with a lead story about Donald's birthday by Pat and Carol McGreal and Cesar Ferioli. We commemorate Donald's "birthday" in June because June 9, 1934 was the release date of the Disney animated short, *The Wise Little Hen,* which featured the debut of Donald, complete with the sailor suit which he wears to this day. June 2006 marks Donald's 72nd anniversary as an animated being.

It should be mentioned that the story selection this month is meant to focus on the various aspects of Donald's personality and with his relationships with others. How he interacts with Daisy, Mickey, Huey Dewey and Louie, and even Neighbor Jones is portrayed in these pages. Pay attention to the fact that Donald is unpredictable and doesn't always react the same from situation to situation, making him much more like a real being than many of the one-dimensional cartoon characters with whom we fill our idle hours.

A comic book pundit once commented to me that you can tell the strength of a comic creation by how well that character holds up to being taken "out of character"—by being allowed to demonstrate emotions and reactions that are not usually common for him. I've pondered on that assertion over the years and have come to regard it as absolutely true. If you stop and think about your favorite fictional characters, I think you will find that they are indeed able to act "out of character" at times and yet still be "in character." Thus, Donald can be a bumbler one second and a "master" the next and we accept that.

This not only makes for a character that is endearing and believable, but also for one that can endure the years. Even 72 years.

—John Clark

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Walt Disney's Donald Duck in A BLIGHTED BIRTHDAY

DONALD'S BIRTHDAY IS ON ITS WAY! THE PRESENTS ARE HERE ALREADY...

SPECIAL DELIVERY FOR DONALD DUCK!

WOW! I WONDER WHAT'S IN IT?

OR WHO SENT IT?

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LOOK! THERE'S A NOTE!

"IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR, OLD PAL! HAPPY BIRTHDAY!" GAH! I'D KNOW *THAT* HANDWRITING ANYWHERE!

GET THIS DINGUS AWAY FROM ME! I DON'T WANT TO HAVE *ANYTHING* TO DO WITH IT!

WHY?

BECAUSE IT'S FROM ***MICKEY MOUSE!*** AND I LEARNED LONG AGO TO ***AVOID*** HIS BIRTHDAY GIFTS LIKE THE PLAGUE!

IT HAPPENED IN A FAR OFF LAND! MICKEY AND I WERE YOUNGER THEN, FOOT-LOOSE AND FANCY FREE! ~SIGH!~ THOSE WERE THE DAYS...

WE WERE WORKING OUR WAY ACROSS THE SOUTH PACIFIC, TAKING ANY ODD JOB THAT WOULD PAY A BUCK OR TWO! THAT'S WHEN WE DECIDED TO RELAX FOR AWHILE ON A LITTLE ISLAND OFF SUMATRA...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PAL! THEY'RE KINDA *SHORT* ON CAKES IN THESE PARTS, SO A MANGO WILL HAVE TO DO!

THANKS! YOU'RE THE BEST BUDDY A GUY COULD HAVE!

I'VE GOT YOUR SPECIAL DAY ALL PLANNED! AND I'M GONNA USE OUR *BANKROLL* TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A GREAT TIME!

NOW BLOW OUT THE CANDLE!

OKAY! HERE GOES...

YAAAHHHH! A HUGE, HORRIBLE, SLITHERING SNAKE!

RELAX! THIS LI'L FELLAH WON'T HURT YOU! NOW LET'S GET ON WITH THE CELEBRATION!

GRRR! I *HATE* SNAKES...

MICKEY'S PLAN WAS TO TAKE ME TO AN EXPENSIVE RESORT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ISLAND...

ARE YOU *SURE* ABOUT THIS? IT'S AN AWFULLY LONG HIKE ALONG THE SHORE!

THEN WE'LL TAKE A SHORT-CUT THROUGH THE JUNGLE! C'MON!

UGH! IT'S HOT AND STICKY IN HERE! I'M *NOT* HAVING FUN!

QUIT COMPLAINING AND SHAKE A LEG! YOU'RE LAGGING, PAL!

BUT I'M SWEATING LIKE A HORSE! AND THE MOSQUITOES THINK I'M A FREE *BANQUET!* LET'S GO BACK, MICKEY!

HEY! WHICH WAY DID HE GO?

OH NO! I'M LOST!

DIRTY AND MISERABLE, I SLOGGED ALONG FOR HOURS! THEN I SPOTTED...

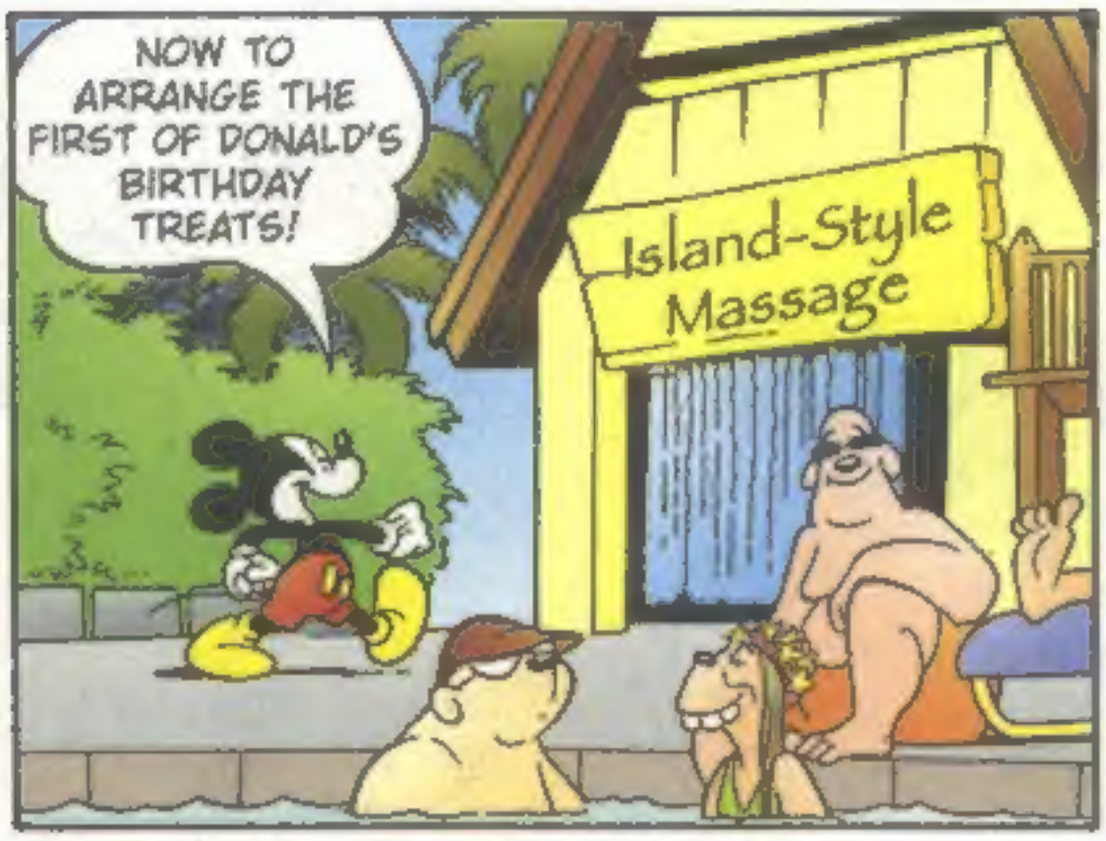
SNAKES!

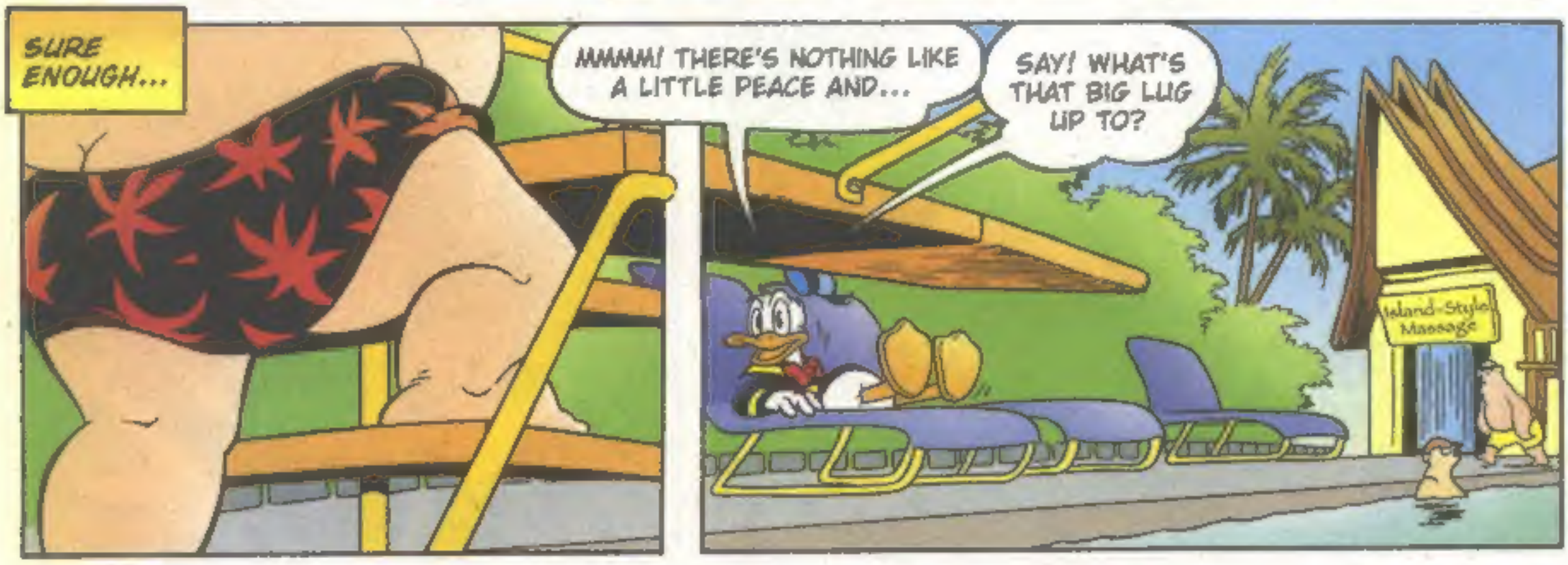
GANGWAY! DONALD DUCK COMIN' THROUGH!

GASP... HURFF... WHEEZE...

DONALD! YOU'RE *FINALLY* HERE! YOU SURE TOOK YOUR OWN SWEET TIME!

FRAZZLED... I'M WEARY... BEAT...
SURE YOU ARE, KIDDO! JUST RELAX HERE BY THE POOL! I'LL BE BACK IN A COUPLE OF TICKS!

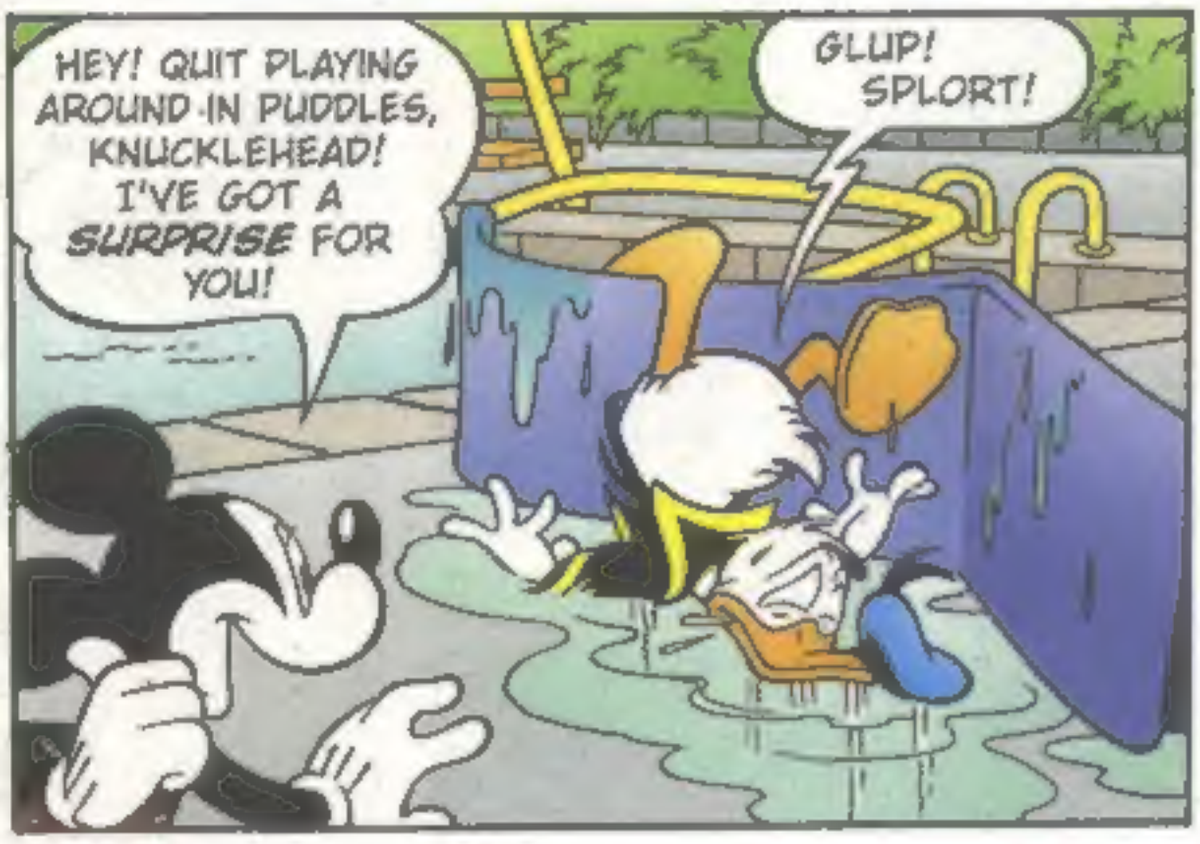

NOW TO ARRANGE THE FIRST OF DONALD'S BIRTHDAY TREATS!
Island-Style Massage


SURE ENOUGH...
MMMM! THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A LITTLE PEACE AND...
SAY! WHAT'S THAT BIG LUG UP TO?
Island-Style Massage

WHEEEEE!
AW, NO!

SKLAHSH!

GLUG!
SPLOOSH!


HEY! QUIT PLAYING AROUND IN PUDDLES, KNUCKLEHEAD! I'VE GOT A SURPRISE FOR YOU!
GLUP! SPLORT!

DONALD, MEET LILY! SHE RUNS THIS MASSAGE JOINT AND YOU'RE ABOUT TO GET THE WORKS!

REALLY? HUBBA HUBBA!

Island-Style Massage

ENJOY, PAL! *ENJOY!*

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME TWICE, MICKEY!

BLESS THE MOUSE! THIS IS GONNA BE A THIN SLICE OF HEAVEN!

I'M FINISHED WITH MY BREAK, LILY! I'LL TAKE OVER NOW!

OKEE DOKE! COME ON IN AND WORK YOUR MAGIC!

I'LL TELL YA, DOLL, I SURE CAN USE A GENTLE RUB-DOWN! IT'S BEEN A *HECKUVA* DAY SO FAR!

FIRST IT WAS BUGS IN THE JUNGLE! AND THEN I WAS NEARLY DROWNED WHEN SOME BIG TUB OF *GOO* TOOK A HEADER OFF THE DIVING BOARD!

DONALD?

DON'T ASK! JUST *DON'T* ASK!

I SHOULD HAVE CALLED IT QUITS THEN AND THERE! BUT NO! I LET THAT RAT OF A MOUSE GO ON SUCKERING ME...

WHY DID YOU WASTE OUR SCRATCH ON AN EXPENSIVE PLACE LIKE THIS?

AH, COME ON! LIVE IT UP, BIRTHDAY BOY!

I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA! FORK OVER THE REST OF THE BANKROLL AND LET *ME* DECIDE HOW TO CELEBRATE!

ER, DONALD? YOUR TAIL-FEATHERS...

YEEEOUCH!

HELP! I'M A HUMAN TORCH!

FLIP! FLIP! FLIP!

PUT ME OUT! PUT ME DOWN! *PUT ME DOWN!*

WHAT A *SENSATIONAL* SHOW!

HANG ON, DONALD! I'M COMING!

SHEESH! THERE'S *GOTTA* BE AN EASIER WAY TO BREAK INTO SHOW BUSINESS, JUNIOR!

VERY FUNNY!

ALL RIGHT! I'M *TIRED* OF YOU RUNNING THE SHOW!

WH-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

LET ME DO MY BIRTHDAY THE WAY I WANT! GIMME THE FERSHLUGGINER BANKROLL!

OKAY! SURE!

NOW I'M *REALLY* GONNA LIVE IT UP! HEY, EVERYBODY! FIZZY POPS ALL AROUND! ON ME!

PSST! SWEENY! GET A LOAD OF THAT WAD OF GREENBACKS THE CLUCK IS FLASHING!

EASY PICKIN'S, McGURK!

HEY, BUDDY! WHY WASTE YOUR TIME WITH WATERED DOWN FIZZY POP?

WE CAN TAKE YOU TO A JOINT THAT SERVES *GENUINE* HOT FUDGE SUNDAES!

REALLY? AT *THIS* HOUR?

NATCH! TAG ALONG WITH US! WE'LL TAKE YOU THERE!

HMM! WHAT KIND OF PARTY IS DONALD THROWING FOR HIMSELF? I'D BETTER KEEP AN EYE ON HIM!

HMM! IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THERE'S ANYTHING BUT THIS RESORT ON THE ISLAND!

THERE ISN'T!

MMMFF!

I KNOW JUST THE PLACE TO DUMP HIM! FOLLOW ME!

WE GOT THE CASH! NOW WHAT DO WE *DO* WITH THIS TWERP?

ACME ANIMAL EXPORTS
THIS TUB'S THE PERFECT SPOT! THE CAPTAIN AND CREW ARE ENJOYING SHORE LEAVE FOR THE NIGHT!
HAH! BY THE TIME THEY FIND THE DUCK WE'LL BE ON A SPENDING SPREE ACROSS SUMATRA!

DOWN THE HATCH WITH HIM! HE CAN COOL HIS HEELS IN THE HOLD!
THUD!

SO WHAT'S OUR TAKE? COUNT THAT MOOLAH, McGURK!
DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME, BOYS! YOU WON'T HAVE IT FOR LONG!

CROOKS LIKE YOU SHOULD KNOW YOU CAN'T PULL SHENANIGANS LIKE THAT WITHOUT GETTING... CAUGHT!
AWK!
WHAT GOES ON? WHO'S THE RUNT?

THE BEST FRIEND OF THE BIRTHDAY BOY YOU SHANGHAIED, THAT'S WHO!

NOW GIVE UP THE BANKROLL OR I'LL FEED YOU TO THE SHARKS!

DON'T DROP US! PLEASE! TAKE THE MONEY!

THANKS! GUESS I'LL LET YOU HANG AROUND UNTIL THE COPS COME!

DONALD, OL' PAL! IT'S *ME!* MICKEY! YOU'RE *SAVED!* ARE Y' ALL RIGHT?

DONALD?

SUH-SUH-SUH-SNAKES! *BRRRR!* I *HATE* SNAKES!

IT TOOK THE REST OF THE NIGHT, BUT MY "PAL" FINALLY GOT ME BACK TO OUR BEACH HUT...

SNAP OUT OF IT, BUDDY! COME ON! BLOW OUT THE CANDLE!

I'D RATHER BE PUTTING OUT *ANOTHER* KIND OF LIGHT!

...AND *THAT'S* WHY I WANT NOTHING TO DO WITH ANY BIRTHDAY GIFTS FROM MICKEY MOUSE!

IT WASN'T *HIS* FAULT, UNCA DONALD! YOU JUST HAD SOME BAD LUCK!

GO ON! OPEN THE PACKAGE!

YEAH! MICKEY'S A SENTIMENTAL GUY! IT'S PROBABLY A MANGO WITH A CANDLE IN IT!

YOICKS!

DON'T WORRY, UNCA DONALD! IT'S ONLY A *FAKE* SNAKE!

GRRR! THAT DOGGONED MOUSE AND HIS SENSE OF HUMOR! HE DID IT TO ME AGAIN!

WHEN, OH *WHEN* WILL I EVER EARN?

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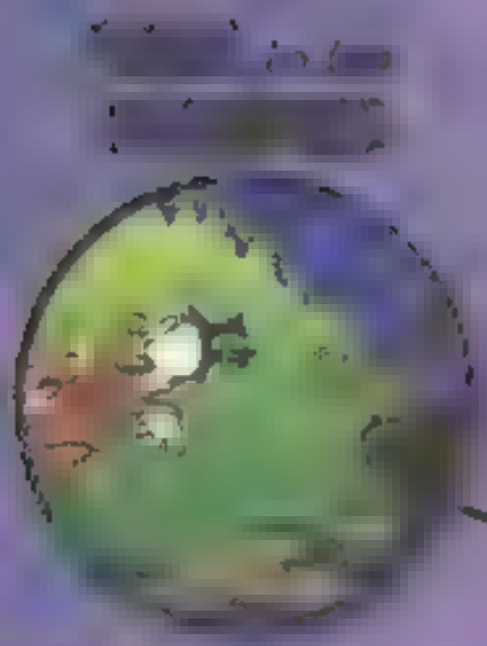

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Walt Disney's

Donald Duck

THE MASTER GLASSER

I LOVE THESE EMERGENCY HOUSE CALLS! THEY GIVE ME A CHANCE TO SHOW MY STUFF!

ER - BEFORE YOU GO, UNCA DONALD - HUEY HAD A LITTLE BAD LUCK!

Ye Glasse Shoppe

HE HIT A HOME RUN INTO McGOOSE'S GREENHOUSE AGAIN!

MORE BROKEN WINDOWS! DOGGONE IT! YOU KIDS SHOULD BE MORE *CAREFUL*!

PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO SUSPECT YOU'RE *DRUMMING UP BUSINESS*!

DONALD DUCK MASTER GLASS CRAFTSMAN

PANELESS REPLACEMENT — YOU CAN SEE THROUGH MY DEALS

I HOPE MRS. SNOOTMORE HAS A PROBLEM WORTHY OF MY SKILL!

HURRY, HURRY, MR. DUCK! I'VE CRACKED POOPSIE'S FISH BOWL!

SNIFF!

CALM YOURSELF, MADAM! THE MASTER GLASS CRAFTSMAN IS HERE!

POOPSIE CAN'T SLEEP ANYWHERE BUT IN HER VERY OWN BOWL!

HMM! LOOKS LIKE A COMPOUND FRACTURE, BUT DON'T WORRY, MA'AM!

I'VE NEVER LOST A CASE THAT I COULD GET TO WITH MY ADVANCED FUSION SETTING METHODS!

PATIENCE, POOPSIE! PATIENCE!

THERE! AN HOUR IN TRACTION, AND POOPSIE CAN SLEEP IN HER OWN BOWL TONIGHT!

MARVELOUS!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU, MASTER GRASS CRAFTSMAN!

CHIRKLE!

THAT'S *GLASS* CRAFTSMAN, MRS. SNOOTMORE! GOOD DAY!

THAT WAS TOO EASY! (SIGH!) I WISH I HAD A CHANCE TO REALLY SHOW PEOPLE WHAT I CAN DO!

WHOA, UNCA DONALD! YOU'VE GOT ANOTHER CUSTOMER!

SOB!

THE *BREAKS* COME THICK AND FAST IN THE GLASS BUSINESS!

IT'S THE HEADLAMP OF MY ANTIQUE AUTO! (SOB!) YOU'VE JUST *GOT* TO FIX IT!

HAVE NO FEAR, SIR! THE MASTER GLASS CRAFTSMAN CAN FIX ANYTHING!

A NEAR-SIGHTED WOODPECKER RAN SMACK INTO MY LIGHT BULB!

THAT'S A NASTY PUNCTURE— BUT LEAVE IT TO ME!

THESE 1899 LIGHT BULBS ARE *IRREPLACEABLE!*

COURAGE, SIR! OBSERVE — FIRST A DELICATE TWIRL OF MY GLASS CIRCLE CUTTER!

THEN A REPLACEMENT PLUG TAPPED GENTLY INTO PLACE WITH THIS TINY RUBBER MALLET, AND — *PRESTO!* YOUR BULB IS LIKE NEW!

AMAZING!

THE *WHOLE WORLD* SHOULD KNOW OF YOUR SKILL, MISTER GRAFT CRASSMAN!

THAT'S *MASTER GLASS CRAFTSMAN!* BE SURE YOU GET THE NAME RIGHT!

HE'S RIGHT, BOYS! IT'S WRONG TO HIDE MY TALENT UNDER A BUSHEL BASKET! I BELONG IN THE *SPOTLIGHT!*

CUSTOMER ON THE PHONE, UNCA DONALD!

YE GLASSE SHOPPE

HE WANTS YOU TO REPLACE A GLASS CLOCK FRONT!

NO DICE! FROM NOW ON THE MASTER GLASS CRAFTSMAN ACCEPTS ONLY *IMPORTANT* JOBS!

IT'S THE GIANT CLOCK ON THE NEW TV TOWER!

TV!.... GIANT CLOCK! GIVE ME THAT PHONE!

...YEP, I'LL DO THE JOB FOR *NOTHING* — IF YOU'LL PUT IT ON THE AIR!

SOON!

BOYS, I'VE GOT IT MADE! TV CAMERAS WILL FOLLOW ME UP THE TOWER AND BROADCAST MY SKILL AND DARING TO EVERY TV SET IN DUCKBURG! I'LL REALLY PUT ON A SHOW!

NEWS

YOU'LL BE *FAMOUS* FOREVER, UNCA DONALD!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE TV AUDIENCE, I WILL NOW CLIMB THE TOWER WITH THE DELICATE GLASS FACE STRAPPED TO MY BACK!

HOW *BRAVE*! HOW *SKILLFUL*!

I AM THE *MASTER GLASS CRAFTSMAN* OF DUCKBURG! BE SURE YOU REMEMBER MY NAME!

SHORTLY!

NOW I WILL REMOVE THE BROKEN PIECES OF THE OLD GLASS FACE! A JOB THAT WILL TAX EVEN *MY* GREAT GENIUS!

FOR THIS DIFFICULT TASK I HAVE INVENTED A SUPER-POWERED *TUNING FORK*!

THIS FORK PRODUCES *SOUND WAVES* SO FEROCIOUS THEY CAN SHATTER ANY NEARBY GLASS TO *POWDER*! ARE YOU WATCHING?

DO YOU WANT TO WATCH THIS CONCEITED BLOWHARD SHATTER THAT OLD GLASS?

YES! THERE'S A CHANCE HE MIGHT SLIP AND FALL!

A CRAFTY GLASSMAN HE CALLED HIMSELF!

NOW I WILL POINT THE TUNING FORK AT THE GLASS FRAGMENTS AND TURN ON THE SWITCH!

CLICK

KA-POW!

KA-POW!

THERE GOES OUR TV TUBE - SHATTERED TO *POWDER*!

KA-POW

KA-POW

KA-POW

THERE GOES OUR *WINDOWS* - AND OUR RARE GOBLETS!

- AND POOPSIE'S GOLDFISH BOWL!

SWITCH OFF! WE'RE BROADCASTING THAT TUNING FORK THROUGH EVERY GLASS OBJECT IN TOWN!

KA-POW

(GULP!) I MUST HAVE OVERDONE IT! EVEN THE *NEW* GLASS CLOCK FRONT IS TURNED TO POWDER!

LATER THAT NIGHT!

IT'S A LONG DISTANCE CALL FOR UNCA DONALD! WHAT SHALL WE SAY?

STALL THE CALLER OFF!

I'LL HAVE HIM CALL YOU BACK! HIS PLANS ARE A LITTLE UP IN THE AIR RIGHT NOW!

ABOUT 300 FEET, I'D SAY!

WELL, ANYWAY...

HE'S IN THE *SPOTLIGHT* - LIKE HE *WANTED*!

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- Donald and Fethry in "The Fall Guy" by Dick Kinney and Al Hubbard
- "Goofy Gives His All" by Sarah Kinney and Rodriquez
- Pluto in "The-Not-So-Still Life," by Paul Murry (from *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories* 186)
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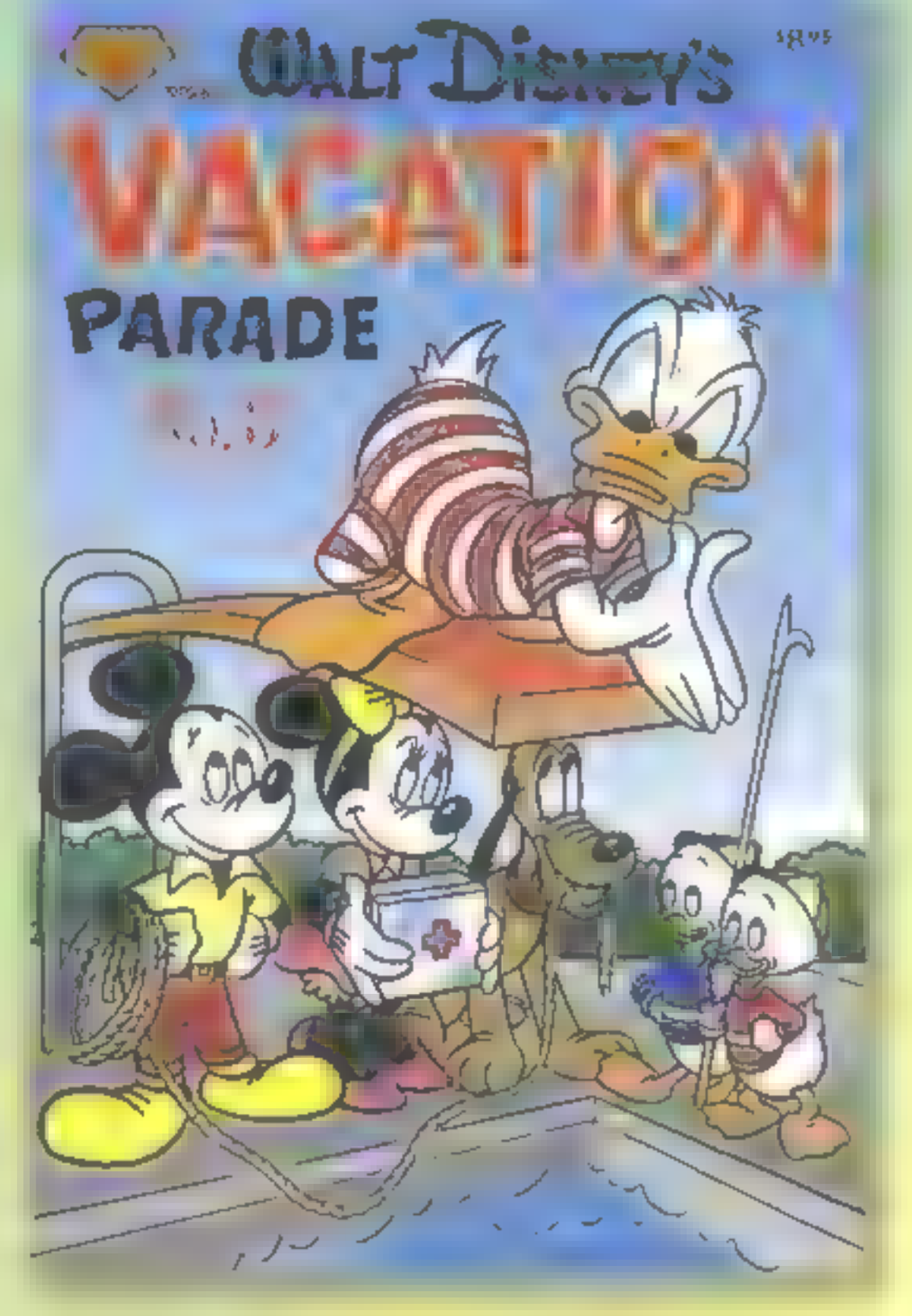

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Walt Disney's Donald Duck in Regarding Donald

SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE! THE SUN, THE STARS AND DONALD DUCK—

GREETINGS, UNCLE SCROOGE! AND HOW'S THE MOST KIND-HEARTED, BENEVOLENT, GENEROUS, *GIVING* RELATIVE A POOR, SCRAPING, UNEMPLOYED DUCK COULD HAVE?

YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME, NEPHEW! YOU KNOW MY GOLDEN RULE! NEITHER A BORROWER *NOR* A LENDER BE!!

BUT I'M *DESPERATE!* I'VE GOT A HOT DATE WITH DAISY TONIGHT AND I NEED FIVE BUCKS IN A BIG WAY!!

TSK, TSK, SHIFTLESS NE'ER-DO-WELL! HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT *EARNING* THE CASH YOU COVET?!

NOW, I MIGHT BE PERSUADED TO PAY YOU THE FIVE DOLLARS IF YOU'RE PREPARED TO DO SOME OLD FASHIONED WORK!

:GRUMBLE!: OKAY!

WONDERFUL! THE OFFICE CAN USE A BIT OF TIDYING UP! I'LL BE BACK IN A COUPLE OF HOURS! HAVE FUN!

WAK!!

ARGH! THAT CAGEY OLD CODGER! LOOK AT THIS MESS! I'VE BEEN BUSHWHACKED!

OH WELL, I MIGHT AS WELL MAKE THE SUPREME EFFORT AND START BY CLEARING THIS CLUTTER OFF THE COUCH!

TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE HARD AT WORK—

I'M BACK! ADMIT IT, DONALD! A LITTLE HONEST LABOR MAKES A MAN FEEL.. CUSHLAMA-CREE!

ZZZZZ!

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO THINK YOU COULD BE COUNTED ON TO SHOW ANY INITIATIVE! YOU HAVEN'T DONE A THING!

BLEH?

GOOD-FOR-NOTHING LOAFER! YOU'RE LAZIER THAN A HOUND DOG ON THE HOTTEST DAY IN JULY! YOU'LL NEVER AMOUNT TO ANYTHING!

BUT UNCLE SCROOGE! ÷YAWN!÷ I *DID* FILE ALL THE JUNK ON THE COUCH UNDER "P" FOR "PAPERS"!

AND THAT'S *ALL* YOU ACCOMPLISHED IN TWO HOURS?!

TWO HOURS?! OMIGOSH! I'M *LATE* FOR MY DATE WITH DAISY! THANKS FOR THE LOAN, UNCLE SCROOGE!

÷SIGH!÷ I'M AFRAID THAT LAD WILL *NEVER* CHANGE!

HIYA, TOOTS! **WHAT** AN AFTERNOON! I TOLD UNCLE SCROOGE I'D GIVE HIM A HAND AROUND THE OFFICE AND THE OLD TIGHTWAD WORKED MY TAILFEATHERS OFF!

DONALD DUCK! YOU'VE KEPT ME WAITING FOR NEARLY AN HOUR! I SHOULD BE **FURIOUS** WITH YOU! BUT..

HEY! WHAT'S THAT BEHIND YOUR BACK? FLOWERS? FOR ME? YOU **SHOULDN'T** HAVE!

NO, NO! IT'S THE LATEST ISSUE OF MY **FAVORITE** MAGAZINE! "BETTER SOFAS AND HAMMOCKS!"

OH.

YES, IT'S A TYPICAL DINNER DATE WITH DONALD—

...AND I NOT ONLY HAVE NEW RESPONSIBILITIES AT MY JOB BUT I GET A BIG RAISE, TOO! DONALD! HAVE YOU HEARD A WORD I'VE SAID?!

JUST **LOOK** AT THIS MODEL! THE LAZE 'N' LOUNGE 2000!! BOY, WHAT I'D GIVE FOR ONE OF THOSE!

YOUR CHECK, SIR! I TRUST EVERYTHING WAS SATISFACTORY!

THE CHECK?! OH DEAR! OH MY =HEH= WHUDDAYAKNOW?

SWEETIE, I SEEM TO BE A LITTLE SHORT! I SPENT MOST OF MY MONEY ON THE MAGAZINE! I KNOW YOU WON'T MIND!

DONALD, YOU ARE THE MOST SELF-CENTERED, INCONSIDERATE CAD I'VE EVER KNOWN! YOU NEVER THINK OF ANYONE BUT YOURSELF!

LATER—

I'D SAY ALL IN ALL THAT DATE WENT PRETTY WELL! DAISY DOESN'T KNOW HOW LUCKY SHE IS TO HAVE A GUY LIKE...

WHAT?

HUH! IT LOOKS LIKE NEIGHBOR JONES IS GETTING A BRAND NEW, EXPENSIVE MONSTER STEREO! GRRR! IT'S NOT FAIR! I CAN NEVER KEEP UP!

STAND WARNED, TERMITES! I'M IN A FOUL MOOD! YOU BETTER GET THIS PLACE CLEANED UP ON THE DOUBLE! SNAP TO!! I'M GOING TO BED!

UNCA DONALD IS *ALWAYS* YELLING AT US FOR NO REASON!

SOMETIMES HE'S DOWNRIGHT *MEAN!*

YEAH! HE DOESN'T *APPRECIATE* US!

AH! THE BLISSFUL, UNDISTURBED SLEEP OF THE SELFLESS SAMARITAN—

YOICKS!!

BAH DAH DA DA DAH!

DAH DA DAH DAH!

HOLY CANNOLI! MARCHING MUSIC?! WHAT A RACKET! IT MUST BE THAT NUMBSKULL JONES TESTING OUT HIS NEW STEREO!

BAH BAAH BA BUMM!

THE *NERVE* OF THAT BLOWHARD! NEVER THINKING OF *ANYONE* BUT HIMSELF! WELL, I'LL PUT A STOP TO THIS NONSENSE!

BANG!
BANG!

JONES! TURN THAT INFERNAL NOISE DOWN! YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, YOU KNOW!!

BAH BA
BAA

THE IDIOT HAS THAT *MISERABLE* EXCUSE FOR MUSIC BLARING SO *LOUD* HE CAN'T EVEN HEAR ME BANGING ON HIS DOOR!

I CAH
!AA!

BAH
BAH
DAH!

HEH! I KNOW HOW TO FIX HIS WAGON!

I DUM
DUM
DUM
DAH!

THERE'S MORE THAN *ONE* WAY TO SKIN A CAT!

KA-RAAAASH!

THAT TAKES CARE OF THAT!

KA-

BONK!

UNCA DONALD!

HE'S DOWN FOR THE COUNT!

LET'S GET HIM TO A DOCTOR! COME ON, MEN!!

D-DON'T MILK THE COWS BEFORE MIDNIGHT, MA.

SHORTLY—

I HOPE UNCA DONALD'S GONNA BE OKAY! THAT WAS SOME *LUMP* ON HIS NOGGIN!

HE'S GOT A PRETTY *THICK* HEAD THOUGH!

AND THERE'S *NOT* MUCH IN IT! I'M *SURE* HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT!

BOYS, YOUR UNCLE IS GOING TO BE JUST FINE! I'M RELEASING HIM INTO *YOUR* CARE! TAKE HIM HOME AND PUT H.M TO BED!

AND BY THE WAY, THAT UNCLE OF YOURS IS THE *NICEST*, MOST *CONSIDERATE* PATIENT I'VE HAD IN A LONG TIME!

IS HE TALKING ABOUT *OUR* UNCA DONALD?!?

THE NEXT DAY—

WE'RE HOME FROM SCHOOL, UNCA DONALD!

WELCOME BACK, NEPHEWS DEAR! I SURE DID MISS YOU! YOU MUST BE *STARVING!*

I'VE WHIPPED UP A *SPECIAL* TREAT! HOW DO DOUBLE CHOCOLATE, MELTED-MARSHMALLOW, SUPER-SUPREME *SUNDAES* SOUND?

UH... G-GREAT, UNCA DONALD!

THIS IS TOO *WEIRD!!*

NOT AT *ALL* LIKE UNCA DONALD!

HERE YOU GO, YOU LITTLE ANGELS! *SECONDS!*

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MEAN, GRUMPY UNCA DONALD THAT WE KNOW AND LOVE?

HOW 'BOUT *ANOTHER* ROUND, TROOPS?!

:GROAN!: PLEASE STOP, UNCA DONALD! YOU'RE KILLING US WITH KINDNESS!

AND THE BOYS AREN'T DONALD'S ONLY VICTIM—

YIPES! HERE COMES THAT CRAZY DUCK! AND HE'S GOT THE BRICK I BEANED HIM WITH! HE MUST BE OUT FOR *REVENGE!*

I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE THIS LYING DOWN! IF HE WANTS A FIGHT, I'LL *GIVE* HIM ONE!

NEIGHBOR! I WAS *WAY* OUT OF LINE LAST NIGHT! LET'S LET BYGONES BE BYGONES! AS A TOKEN OF MY ETERNAL GOOD WILL, PLEASE ACCEPT THIS PEACE OFFERING!

HUH?

I HAD IT INSCR.BED!

I'M SPEECHLESS! IT SAYS "NO WAR NO MORE!"

AND TO *PROVE* MY GOOD INTENTIONS, LET ME REPLACE THE PANE OF GLASS I SO THOUGHT-LESSLY SHATTERED!

I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND, NEIGHBOR! I FIGURED AS LONG AS I WAS UP HERE I'D GO AHEAD AND WASH THE REST OF YOUR WINDOWS!

MIND?! WHY, THAT'S THE *NICEST* THING ANYONE'S EVER DONE FOR ME! COME ON DOWN AND JOIN ME IN A SARSAPARILLA!

THIS IS THE BERRIES, EH, NEIGHBOR! MARCHING MUSIC AND COLD SARSAPARILLA! HOW CAN YOU BEAT THAT?!

BY HAVING A *GOOD FRIEND* TO SHARE IT WITH! YOU AND ME, PAL! BUDDIES FOR LIFE!!

AND AS A REMINDER OF OUR NEWFOUND FRENDSHIP, THIS PEACE OFFERING WILL OCCUPY A PLACE OF HONOR IN MY HOME FOREVER-MORE!

YES, DONALD'S A CHANGED DUCK—

DONALD! WHAT A SURPRISE! WHAT ARE YOU *DOING* HERE?

I KNOW I'M EARLY BUT I JUST COULDN'T WAIT TO SEE MY BEST GIRL!

BUT, DONALD! OUR DATE IS NOT FOR ANOTHER TWO HOURS!

IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO STAY AWAY, TURTLE DOVE! I'LL BE HAPPY TO PASS THE TIME JUST *LOOKING* AT MY SWEET LITTLE HONEY BUN!

AND, LOVE BIRD! I HAVE SOME-THING FOR YOU!

FLOWERS? FOR ME? *GULP*

DONALD, YOU'VE BEEN SENDING BOUQUETS ALL DAY LONG!

AND THIS IS JUST THE *BEGINNING*, SUGAR PLUM! YOU DESERVE TO BE SHOWERED IN FLOWERS ALL YOUR LOVELY LIFE!

AND WE DO *MEAN* CHANGED—

ANOTHER DAY, AN-OTHER *GAZILLION* DOLLARS! NOTHING LIKE GETTING AN EARLY START!

OH MY STARS AND GARTERS! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THIS OFFICE?! IT'S *IMMACULATE!*

I *KNOW* I RAN OUT ON YOU THE OTHER NIGHT, UNCLE SCROOGE! I JUST CAME TO PAY BACK THE FIVE BUCKS I OWE YOU ..

AND I SAW THAT YOU COULD USE A LITTLE *CLEAN-UP* AROUND HERE!

ONE WEEK LATER, DONALD THROWS A SPECIAL BARBECUE—

I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE ALL MY BELOVED FRIENDS HERE TODAY! I KNOW I'VE BEEN DIFFICULT IN THE PAST BUT THOSE DAYS ARE BEHIND ME NOW! AND THE BEST IS YET TO COME!

A TOAST! TO THE *NEW ME!*

UM! YES! WONDERFUL...

NEAT...

TO THE *-ER!-* NEW YOU ..

NOW MAKE YOURSELVES AT HOME FOLKS WHILE I RUSTLE SOME GRUB!

-PSSST!- AUNT DAISY! UNCA SCROOGE! WE NEED TO *TALK!*

UNCA DONALD HAS GOT US WORRIED! HE'S *NICE* ALL THE T ME!

HE PAMPERS AND SPOILS US! IT'S *NO* FUN!

GIVES *ME* THE HEEBIE-JEEBIES!

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN! I CAN'T GET *AWAY* FROM HIM! HE'S THERE EVERYWHERE I TURN! HE HANGS ON MY EVERY WORD!

HE WAS *IN* MY MONEY BIN... HE *WASHED* MY MONEY. HE...

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SAY THIS, BUT I MISS THE *OLD* DONALD!

YOU SAID IT! THIS *NEW* UNCA DONALD'S A FREAK OF NATURE!! IT CAN'T GO ON! WE'VE GOTTA *DO* SOMETHING!

BUT WHAT?!

ACCORDING TO THE JUNIOR WOODCHUCK GUIDE, IN CASES LIKE THIS A *SECOND* KNOCK ON THE HEAD CAN SOMETIMES RESTORE A PATIENT'S NORMAL PERSONALITY!

ANOTHER KNOCK ON THE HEAD?!

IT COULD TAKE *YEARS* FOR THAT TO HAPPEN!

UNLESS

I KNOW! *CROQUET!*

WE'LL SET UP THE GAME!

AUNT DAISY, YOU AND UNCA SCROOGE TELL UNCA DONALD TO PUT THE FOOD ON THE BACK BURNER AND COME PLAY CROQUET!

THIS IS AWFUL! I'M GETTING ALONG WITH THAT DUCK FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE! THE *LAST* THING I WANT IS THE "OLD" DONALD BACK!

WELL, I'M *NOT* GOING TO LET THEM RUIN THE BEST NEIGHBOR I'VE EVER HAD!

HIYA, BUDDY! MIND IF I *JOIN* YOU?

HEY, PAL! WHAT WOULD A PARTY *BE* WITHOUT THE GREATEST NEIGHBOR IN THE WORLD?! COME ON OVER!

WE'RE ABOUT TO PLAY CROQUET! THE OTHERS THINK THEY'RE GOING TO *BEAT* ME!

I *BET* THEY DO!

THE FATEFUL GAME BEGINS—

COME ON, UNCA DONALD! YOU GO FIRST!

WHADDYA KNOW? I MADE IT THROUGH THE FIRST COUPLE OF HOOPS! THAT MEANS I GO AGAIN!

THAT'S IT, NEPHEW! YOU'RE RIGHT IN MY SIGHTS!

WHACK!

OMIGOSH!

HEY! I MADE IT THROUGH ANOTHER HOOP! MORE FREE SHOTS!

YEOUCH!

BONK!

I'M CER-TAINLY IN GOOD FORM TODAY, EH, JONESY, OL' PAL?!

NOBODY CAN ÷GROAN÷ TOUCH YOU, LI'L BUDDY!

I HATE DOING THIS TO DONALD, BUT IT'S FOR HIS OWN GOOD!

OH, NO! I CAN NEVER BLOCK THE BALL IN TIME!

THWACK!

THANK GOODNESS! A WILD SHOT! IT LANDED IN THE RAIN GUTTER!

CLUNK!

PLOP!

RATTLE!

CLUNK!

WHOOSH!

OH DEAR ..

YIPPEE! ANOTHER HOOP! I CAN'T MISS!

OUCH!

BONK!

STEEL YOURSELVES, MEN! WE WON'T FLINCH FROM OUR DUTY!

HOLY NED!

KA-LANG!

YET ANOTHER GREAT SHOT!

WWHHAATT'SS AA LLIITTLLEE PPAAIINN AAMMOONNGG NNEEIIGGHHBBOORRSS??!!

THIS ISN'T WORKING!

WE'VE GOT TO TRY HARDER!

COME ON, EVERYBODY! ALL TOGETHER!!

HELP!

WHACK!

THUNCK!

DONALD! DUCK!!

WUFF!

OUCH!

EEECH!

YEOOW!

BONK! BONK! BONK!

JONESY??

SHAME ON YOU PEOPLE! MAYBE JONES HASN'T ALWAYS BEEN THE IDEAL NEIGHBOR. BUT THAT'S NO REASON TO *TENDERIZE* HIM LIKE A SIRLOIN!

BUT, MA, WE *CAN'T* PUT STARCH INTO THE PAJAMAS..

ASTY MOMENTS LATER—

MAYBE A LITTLE MARTIAL MUSIC IN THE COMFORT OF HIS OWN HOME WILL SNAP HIM OUT OF IT! THOSE MARCHES *ALWAYS* FILL HIM WITH PEP!

GLEEP?!

THE MUSIC'S NOT HAVING ANY EFFECT!

MAYBE IT'S NOT *LOUD* ENOUGH! I'LL CRANK IT UP!

BAH BAAAAH!

COME ON, PAL! TALK TO ME!

DAH

DAH DA DAAAH!

OH NO! DONALD, LOOK OUT...

ATTABOY, CHUM! YOU PULLED THROUGH!

NO!!!

BONK!

ALL RIGHT! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?! WHO'S THE *BOOB* BLARING THIS INFERNAL EXCUSE FOR MUSIC?!

BUM BUM DAH!

JONES! I SHOULD HAVE *KNOWN* IT WAS YOU, YOU MISERABLE MISCREANT! IF THIS IS YOUR IDEA OF NEIGHBORLY CONDUCT, SO BE IT! TWO CAN PLAY AT THIS GAME! THIS MEANS WAR!!

OH, DEAR! THE *OLD* DONALD IS BACK!

HE'S LAZY, RUDE, INCONSIDERATE, GRUMPY AND SELF-CENTERED!

SIGH! I *KNEW* IT WAS TOO GOOD TO LAST!

JUST THE WAY WE LIKE HIM!

End

With *Donald Duck and Friends* 337, Ye Editor "and Friends" worked some real St. Patrick's Day magic by leading off with two "lepre-comics" (pardon!), each worthy of a little green-garbed person's pot o' gold.

Kari Korhonen has an uncanny knack for crafting the type of stories Carl Barks would have written in the second stage of his career. Indeed, with Daniel Branca having supplied his trademark sixties-inspired Barks-style art, "Brother, Can You Spare a Pot of Gold?" could be just as much at home in 1965 as in this magazine. To be simultaneously classic and modern is no mean feat, but these talented individuals made it look easy!

Sarah Kinney also does the leprechaun legacy proud by having Mickey's three best pals attempt to convince him of the validity of elfin existence—and that "Elves are a cowardly and superstitious lot (oops, wrong comic series!)... that is, a *rascally bunch!*"

And, from an age where Carl Barks drew like Daniel Branca someday would, comes a little gem entitled "Duck Luck". There may have been no little green men (from the Old Sod—or from Mars, for that matter) in this yarn, but Donald does get his expected share of "corned grief" and Gladstone, yet again, gets his hands on some "cabbage."

All this, and a little two-page pot o' gold at the rainbow's end for us Tony Strobl stalwarts, made for a very merry March 17! No need for a Blarney Stone, when we can enjoy a Gemstone!

—Joe Torcivia
via email

Wow! Brand new Tony Strobl in *DD&F* 337! One of those posthumous jobs that great artists, writers, and musicians bestow upon us to enjoy after they're gone! Yeah, I know, it was only two pages, but still definitely worth the price of admission. Thanks a lot!

Kari Karhonen, Daniel Branca, and the exceptional David Gerstein provide us with a great lead-in, "Brother, Can You Spare a Pot of Gold?" Donald went against type here, volunteering to give the gold away after paying his bills, but hey, that's what make these fun characters to read! Well-written, well-dialogued, and well-drawn. Can't ask for more.

"Leaping Leprechauns" from Sarah Kinney was a good story with a humorous twist at the end. She's pretty good, I've found, so for my money, keep her coming. And, of course, the sublime Carl Barks with "Duck Luck." I first read this story when I bought an original 1961 issue off eBay a few years ago, and I really found it quite enjoyable. Great examples of Barks's story development, character development, and superb humor just where you don't expect it. Thanks for running it. Oh, and lest I forget, great, great cover from Branca. One of his best.

—Robert Hutchings
via email

Thank you for bringing English language Disney comics back.

Is Carl Barks the most reprinted comic story creator ever? There have been enough Barks reprints. Don't get me wrong, Barks is the reason I've read Disney comics for most of my life. But if you don't have a Barks story it's easy enough to pick it up second hand, or in the collectibles market. As one of your other departments produces *The Comic Book Price Guide,* you can't be against people picking up the originals or reprint from the 1970s or 1980s. How about a dedicated reprint title so that long-time readers don't have to buy the same stories over again?

I'd like to see only mice and mice related stories in *Mickey Mouse and Friends* and only ducks in *Donald Duck and Friends.* Also, *Uncle Scrooge* would be better at 32 pages and the lower cost. To me a 64-page comic book is just a large comic book. As these are aimed at the collector market, I can't understand why any of these would have reprints of American material.

Some of my reprint requests:

- PKNA Paperinik New Adventures.
- "Donald Duck and Mac" from the British *Mickey Mouse Weekly* of the 1930s.
- Any other original British material unpublished in the US.
- Italian Duck and Mouse stories from the 1950s and 1960s or earlier.
- Romano Scarpa stories not previously reprinted in English.

—Rod Henley
via email

Watch for Scarpa tales in Mickey Mouse and Friends *and* Mickey Mouse Adventures *and check out* Mickey and the Gang: Classic Stories in Verse *for British-produced comics.*

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